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DECISION ON PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.181

This is a decision in response to the petition received on May 7, 2010.

The petition is **DISMISSED** as moot.

Petitioner requests that the Director vacate the Office action dated January 8, 2010 and that the Director "instruct the examining corps to determine the extension of patent term...to include the date from filing the notice of appeal (9/23/2005) to the date of decision reversing all rejections of claim 4 (7/30/2009)."

With regards to petitioner's request to vacate the Office action dated January 8, 2010, the issue is most since the action was effectively vacated by the issuance of a Notice of Allowability on May 24, 2010.

With regards to petitioner's request for patent term extension, petitions for patent term extension under 35 U.S.C. 156 are decided by the Office of the Deputy Commissioner for Patent Examination Policy (see MPEP 1002.02).

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